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SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS, JANUARY 1, 1977,
AND 1978

REF: (A) STATE 123834, (B) USNATO 03722, (C) STATE 045269,
(D) PO/78/40, (E) PO/78/64

1. SYG LUNS HAS FORWARDED BY REF E THE 153RD REPORT
(CCG(78)7) FROM THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT
BUDGET EXPERTS (CCG). HE NOTES THAT IF THIS REPORT IS
APPROVED BY COUNCIL IT BEGIN QUOTE WOULD RESULT IN FULL
ADJUSTMENT OF STAFF SALARIES IN ALL NATO HOST COUNTRIES
EXCEPT GERMANY, WHERE THE INCREASE IN THE INDEX OVER
THE REFERENCE PERIOD WAS 0.9 PCT END QUOTE.

2. HE IS TABLING THIS REPORT, AS WELL AS REPORT (CCG(78)2)
(REF D), WHERE THE CCG REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE THE
ADDITIONAL 20 PCT COL ADJUSTMENT FOR JANUARY 1, 1977, FOR
THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AGENDA ON JUNE 14.

3. SYG LUNS WILL DOUBTLESS REQUEST THAT AN EXCEPTION BE
MADE FOR THE STAFF IN GERMANY TO RECEIVE THE 1978 COL
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ADJUSTMENT, SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO DISCRIMINATION AMONG
NATO EMPLOYEES. (CCG STAFF IN FRG NUMBER: NATO 274,
SHAPE 133, ESA 287). HE MAY ASK THAT THE ADDITIONAL
20 PCT IN REF D BE GRANTED OVER REPORT'S DECISION.

4. MISSION WILL ACCEPT THE REPORTS WITHOUT CHANGE AND
DRAW ON COMMENTS CONTAINED IN REFS A AND C TO DEFEND

POSITION.

5. FYI: IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' PERMREPS WILL RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A TWO PCT COST-OF-LIVING INDEX TRIGGER TO BE USED FOR ITS JANUARY 1978 COL ADVANCE, WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED END OF JUNE. EC WOULD APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING CCG LEAD. END FYI.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN ACTION PROPOSED IN PARA 4 AND FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IT MIGHT WISH AMBASSADOR TO MAKE DURING NAC DISCUSSION THESE ITEMS. BENNETT

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